

What is claimed is:

1. A method for controlling the operation of a machine based upon the wearing of apparel by the machine operator,
5 comprising:

providing a machine with an operating power mechanism with at least one sensor associated with the power mechanism and being capable of wireless communication with an identification element associated with the apparel of an intended machine operator, so that the power mechanism will not function until the sensor has sensed the identification element when the identification element associated with the apparel of the intended machine operator is located in a predetermined position
10 with respect to the machine.
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2. The method of claim 1 wherein the identification element is associated with gloves worn by the intended machine operator.

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3. The method of claim 2 wherein the operator must wear the gloves and present them to the machine while in a close predetermined position with respect to the machine to enable interaction between the sensor and the identification elements in the gloves to cause the operation of the power mechanism to commence.

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4. The method of claim 1 wherein the operator must present the apparel being worn to the machine in a close predetermined position with respect to the machine to enable interaction between the sensor and the identification elements to cause the operation of the machine to commence.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein each identification element is comprised of one of the group of a magnet, a barcode, a radio frequency transmitter, an electronic tag, a
5 SRM device, a metallic element, a color, a shape or any other suitably specified device.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein a plurality of sensors are on the machine to simultaneously react to separate
10 identification elements before the power mechanism is made operational.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the machine is a skinning machine.
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8. The method of claim 1 wherein the operation of the machine involves a series of sequential functional steps, and a timer is associated with the power mechanism, controlling the operation of a machine based upon the
20 wearing of apparel by the machine operator, and a time increment is associated with two of the steps, so that if the second of the steps is not commenced within the span of the time increment, the power mechanism will be rendered inoperative.
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9. The method of claim 1 wherein checks are carried out before the machine can start and at predetermined intervals during the running of the machine.

30 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the sensors are positioned on the machine to coact with reactor elements associated with the apparel of the operator, so that the

power mechanism will cease to operate whenever their association fails to take place.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein a control system is
5 associated with the timer and the power mechanism so that if a series of sequential steps are not completed within a predetermined time sequence, the power mechanism will be disabled.

10 12. A machine comprising a frame, and a power mechanism for operating the same, at least one sensor on the frame adapted to sense the presence of an identification element on the apparel of a person intending to operate the machine,
15 the sensor being associated with the power mechanism to prevent the power mechanism from being enabled without first sensing the presence of the identification element.

20 13. The machine of claim 12 wherein the sensor will enable the power mechanism only so long as it senses the presence of the identification element.

25 14. The machine of claim 12 wherein the identification element is associated with gloves worn by the person intending to operate the machine.

30 15. The machine of claim 12 further comprising a power mechanism having a timer electrically connected to the sensor.

16. The machine of claim 15 wherein the timer is associated
with a first and second span of time increment so that when
a first step of a cycle of sequential functional steps is
not commenced with the first span of time increment the
5 power mechanism will be rendered inoperative.

17. The machine of claim 16 wherein checks are carried out
before the machine can start and at predetermined intervals
during the running of the machine.

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18. The machine of claim 12 wherein the machine is a
skinning machine.

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19. The machine of claim 12 wherein the identification
element is comprised of one of the group of a magnet, a
barcode, a radio frequency transmitter, an electronic tag,
an SRM device, a metallic element, a color, a shape or any
other suitably specified device.

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20. The machine of claim 15 further comprising a plurality
of sensors that simultaneously react to separate
identification elements before the power mechanism is made
operational.

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